

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 7th December 2022



In our Prayers this week:

Zala Family - Kunj Yr 2
Zammataro Family - Giaan Yr 5
Zemek Family - Deegan Yr 3
Zischke Family - Lachlan Yr 9, Brooklyn Yr 2



Christmas Eve Service – 7pm
Christmas Day Service – 9:30am
Please join us in the St John's Lutheran Church. We wish all our school families a blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you there.



Live - Learn - Pray

Without doubt, Christmas is a fantastic time! The promise of peace and goodwill, and a growing sense of excitement and expectation, makes this time of year very special. For Christians, it is also a time to remember the birth of Christ, our Saviour. A time for giving and a time for forgiving. The birth of Jesus renews our hope in realising God's plan for each of us and reminds us of how much God loves us. This year, we wish all our school families a blessed Christmas, and hope you have lots of special times with family and friends. Safe travels in the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all back with us in the new year.

May your heart and home be filled with all of the joys the season brings. Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Merry
CHRISTMAS

From the Principal

As we head into the holidays, I would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a restful break. I wish to thank our staff for the incredible job they do each and every day, and for their dedication to all of the children in their care.

I would especially like to wish God's blessings to staff who are leaving our community at the end of this year, as they transition to new beginnings. In particular, I acknowledge these staff:

Mrs Leigh Day who is heading into retirement. Leigh was recently awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from LEQ for 20 years of service to Lutheran Education including a number of years at Faith Lutheran College, Redlands. This of course is a timely occasion to say congratulations and also 'happy retirement'. What a contribution to the lives of so many students over this time. We will truly miss you, Leigh, and wish you God's blessings on your future adventures.

Mrs Karen Soley, who started working here in 2009, but spent many years prior to that on site as a parent. We wish Karen well as she relocates to the coast with her family. We thank you for all you have given over many years and the support you have given our students, especially our secondary students in the last few years. We will miss your smile each day!

Miss Bridget McDonald has been working at St John's in 2022 in Year 6 as a learning coach. Your professionalism and dedication have been very much appreciated. Every blessing as you now move into your new role as a primary teacher!

Thank you also to our parents, and talented students for another incredible year at St John's! For the students, who work so hard to achieve their best, to the parents for their support in so many ways, to our P&F members and School Council members. You all deserve a huge thank you!

We wish all students and families who are leaving our school community, to go to new schools or new towns, the very best in this time of change. Your foundations have been built here at St John's and we wish for you that these values can continue to be a solid base for you going forward.

I wish each our current families, and the many new families joining us next year, a truly wonderful break, and may the blessings of Christmas be abundant. We are looking forward to a wonderful year in 2023!

Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

Weekly Wellbeing

Happy holidays everyone! As the excitement builds for Christmas, we want to highlight the importance of having a grateful heart. In this time of gift giving and being with loved ones, counting our blessings is key.

It has been a wonderful year working with your children in Wellbeing. We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday and every blessing for the New Year. We look forward to another wonderful year ahead.

Trevenna Jorgensen



Last Day Reminders

Last Day 2022 - A reminder that our last day of school for 2022 is tomorrow, Thursday, the 8th of December. Friday the 9th of December is a clean-up day, for staff only.

Free Dress Day

The last day of school will be a Free Dress Day – come along tomorrow dressed in something Christmassy!! Don't forget a hat and sensible shoes.

Closing Devotion – There will be a closing devotion for students in Prep-Year 9 tomorrow at 8:45am.

School Reminders and Information

Security over the Holidays

If you live in the neighbourhood or nearby, and see any activity that is suspicious, could you please contact Kingaroy Police 4160 4900 immediately. Thank you.

Meet and Greet 2023

We would like to invite parents and caregivers for students in Year 1 to Year 6 to a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon on **Friday, the 20th of January**, from 1pm – 2:30pm. This is an opportunity for students to see their new classrooms, and meet their new teacher, as well as drop off their book packs. A school map with classrooms, (as well as class and teacher allocations) will be available at the hall to assist you. Leadership staff will direct you to your classroom on arrival. Secondary students will participate in an orientation week during the first week of school.



MEET-AND-GREET

School Reports

Reports were sent home with primary students on the 1st of December and secondary students on the 6th of December. If students have been absent, reports will be posted home.

Music Notes

Thank-you for a wonderful year of Instrumental Music. Your children have received terrific results in their performances this year and I look forward to next year. We are very excited about our Regional Bundaberg Music Tour in 2023.

A few items to remember before we head off for Christmas holidays:

1. Please return your band shirt, or alternatively pay for \$37 for your band shirt at the office if you would like to keep it for next year.
2. If you have hired an instrument, please return this to the office before this Friday, the 9th of December.
3. If you are joining the Instrumental Program next year and would like to hire a school instrument, please email Mr Sharp at bsha@sjls.qld.edu.au to reserve an instrument for your child.

Thank-you for your support this year.

Bill Sharp

End of Primary Years Graduation

Last Sunday, the Year 6s celebrated their 'End of Primary Years Graduation/Christmas' church LIFE service along with congregational members from St John's Lutheran Church. This was a wonderful time of sharing the gospel message of Jesus' birth and reminiscing about students' favourite memories from their primary years at St John's. A huge thank you to the St John's P and F for supplying an amazing graduation cake and special wooden keepsakes made by Alyssa Tones.



P&F News

The P&F committee would like to extend a huge thanks to all the students, families and staff who have attended and assisted with the Colour Run on Friday; it was a fun social event we all enjoyed. Thanks also to those who supported the Christmas Ham Drive.

We are continuing to accept donations for Bookarama and will call for help with book sorting and pricing over the holidays on the SJLS P&F Facebook page.

Have a great holiday and see you in 2023. Best wishes from the P&F executive committee: Caz, Ang, Heidi, Sara, Cathie, Suzanne and Kylie.

2023 Information Packs

All current and new families have received their Family Contact update form & school calendar in an envelope.

Medical & Contact Information – This form is for our school database, please ensure that all information is current and correct and return to the office whether you are updating or there are no changes. If there are no changes, a signature only is simply required.

All current families at St John's will receive an email with their Back to School Information for 2023. Please click on the link and fill in the electronic permission forms and submit.

All new families starting at St John's in 2023, will receive an envelope with the Back to School Information and blue forms. The blue forms are to be returned to the office.

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Included in the email that will be sent to current families and the envelopes sent out to new families are:

- Welcome letter
- Back to School Information 2023
- School Information Booklet
- Back to School forms (new families) or link to electronic forms (current families).

Exercise Books and Textbooks –

Available in the Uniform Shop from Monday, the 5th of December

Years P – 6 Students

Textbooks (e.g. Maths and English), are to be purchased from the Uniform/Bookshop.

Exercise book packs are provided by the school at no additional cost and can be collected from the Uniform/Bookshop as you purchase your textbooks. Exercise books should be named and covered according to each class's instructions, ready for the first day of school.

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Students

Text Books - In Years 7 – 11, a levy is charged once at the start of the year in Term 1 to cover the cost of the e-textbooks and school approved bulk-purchased e-resources which replace textbooks for students. Extra items (e.g scientific calculator) can be purchased from the Uniform/Bookshop.

Exercise books are provided by the school at no additional cost and will be given out on the first day of school to secondary students.

Chromebooks - **Year 7** - Chromebooks will be distributed in the first week of school to all Year 7 students.

BYOD - Years 8 – 11 (Bring you own device) Each student going into Year 8 onwards will need to have a device of their own.

The device must be a **Windows device**. The minimum specifications of the device they require is:

Memory: 4GB Ram **Storage:** 256GB SSD / 1TB HDD **Processing speed:** 1.9Ghz

These devices retail for approximately \$700.00. Students can register on Lenovo's Education Store and receive discounts on devices. No extra software will need to be purchased as we will load all necessary software for your child. Parents, please note that Macbooks are not the preferred device because these run on a different platform.

If you would like further information, please contact Janene Boonzaaier- jboo@sjls.qld.edu.au (ICT Teacher)

Stationery Items such as pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, crayons, and most art and craft materials, are included as part of the school fees. These supplies will be in the student's desk or room on their first day of school next year.

Uniform Shop and Book Shop Times

Please see the times for the Uniform and Bookshop for:

- the last week of school in 2022
- the week before school starts in 2023

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| Last Week of School | 5th - 8th December 2022 Monday-Thursday | Wednesday | 8:00am | 12:00pm |
| | | Thursday | 8:00am | 3:00pm |
| Week Before School Starts | 16th - 20th January 2023 Monday - Friday | Monday | 8:00am | 2:00pm |
| | | Tuesday | 8:00am | 1:30pm |
| | | Wednesday | 8:00am | 1:30pm |
| | | Thursday | 8:00am | 1:30pm |
| | | Friday | 11:30am | 3:00pm |

Year 5 and 6 Celebration of Learning

Last Monday saw the Celebration of Learning take place for Years 5 and 6 students. It was a lovely morning to celebrate achievements as students were recognised for achievement in academics, music, sports, community service, work ethic, and for also for the way in which they model Christian values. Not everyone can receive an award, but we would like to congratulate all students who have continued to work hard at being their best and who continue to build on the 'Seven C's that are a core part of our school's framework. We were thrilled that the Mayor, Brett Otto, could attend this event. Mrs Vanessa Noonan, LEQ Director of Learning and Innovation, was also able to attend to present awards to our Junior Dux and Staff 20-Year Service awards to Mr Jonathan Kotzur and Mrs Leigh Day.



*** Christ * Co-operation * Communication * Courtesy**

*** Consideration * Care * Christian Leadership**

Special Presentations

Junior Citizenship Award

Congratulations to: Jayce Walters



David Littleproud MP Award (All-Rounder Award)

Congratulations to: Rosie Russell, Flint Knight



Instrumentalist of the Year

Congratulations to: Jayce Walters



Instrumental Encouragement Award

Congratulations to: Annabelle Stevens



Vocalist of the Year

Congratulations to: Giaan Zammataro



Junior Dux

Congratulations to: Amelia Phillips



Junior Male Sportsperson of the Year

Congratulations to: Flint Knight



Junior Female Sports Person of the Year

Congratulations to: Rosie Russell



Congratulations!

To all our students on your achievements.

School Captains 2023

It is with great pleasure we announce our School Captains for 2023.

Senior Girls School Captain - Ella Fogarty

Senior Boys School Captain - Divan Boonzaaier



Junior Girls School Captain - Giaan Zammataro

Junior Boys School Captain - Braxton Bartlett

Junior Girls School Vice-Captain - Elizabeth Steinhardt

Junior Boys School Vice-Captain - Jekobie Cox



Library News

The last week of library lessons was so much fun with stories and arts and crafts. Christmas Trees of all sorts were made, with lots of colour and glitter. The library looks amazing. Thanks for a great year. *Mrs T*



Primary Snippets

pThe Indigenous group has been working tirelessly all term to complete an animal totem painting that will be displayed in the Senior safety spot area. Our artists Kayleigh, Ella, Bree, Tyla and Isaac have featured the totem animal that belongs to their tribe in the corners of the painting and describe the water as an integral feature that connects all people to the central gathering spot. The artwork will be hung over the holidays – please come and check it out in the new year!

*You
are
Amazing*



Secondary Snippets



Year 7 & 8 students had a wonderful opportunity to see first hand the master plan for the KINGAROY MEMORIAL PARK & WJ LANG MEMORIAL POOL. Earlier this year students provided input into this concept and it was awesome to hear that so many of their ideas were implemented. Students finished off the presentation by completing the survey. You too can have your say:
<https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/say>



***Thank you to
SB Regional Council,
Verda, and Councillor
Kirstie Schumacher
for enabling the
students' voice.***



★ Year 9&10 students of Japanese had a delicious lunch at KAJIN to celebrate the end of the year. ごちそうさまでした (Gochisousamadeshita) Thank you for the meal. ★



Dates to Remember

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December 2022

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | 8:45am Closing School Devotion followed by St John's Got Talent Grand Final Last Day 2022 School Resumes Monday, 23 rd January 2023 | | | |

Community Notices



JOIN US IN 2023
U17 YOUTH GIRLS AFL
SIGN ON TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY 10TH DEC
2022
8AM - 10:30AM
LYLE VIDLER OVAL
KINGAROY

The poster features the South Burnett Saints AFL logo on the left and the AFL Queensland Darling Downs logo on the right. The background shows two female players in action on a green oval field. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and black fonts for emphasis.

CONQUER KIDS

School Holiday Program!

Group A: 6-11 years - 3:30-4pm

Group B: 12-16 years - 4-4:30pm

Dates:

Tuesday 13th December
Tuesday 20th December
Tuesday 3rd January
Tuesday 10th January
Tuesday 17th January

Cost:

1 child - \$10 per session
Every addition child \$5

What is included:

Group A:

- 2 games a lesson with calisthenics in between
- Broad talks about health (sleep, diet, screen time, bullying)

Group B:

- Resistance training, mostly focusing on technique
- Calisthenics, but also compound movements such as squat, bench, row
- More in depth talks about health (sleep, diet, screen time, social media)

Conquer
EST 2015

0402 300 024
3 Stebens Street, Kingaroy

Christmas hamper appeal



We need your help to fill our Christmas Hampers

Every year we put together hampers to help local families enjoy the Christmas they deserve.

Be part of something special and bring your donations to **15 Albert Street, Kingaroy by Friday 9 December.**

Families in the South Burnett can register to receive a Christmas hamper.

Please phone **4162 5439** or email centacaresouthburnett@bne.centacare.net.au



KINGAROY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Rides
Face Painting
Animal Farm
Santa
Market Stalls
Ham Wheel
Pony Rides
Food Stalls



Thursday 8th December
4pm till 9pm
Glendon St, Kingaroy

South Burnett
SBCO Community Orchestra

SBCO String Ensemble presents:

Summer Strings

Saturday 10th December,
4pm

St Mary's Catholic Church
Corner of Mary & Albert
Streets, Kingaroy

Concert and light refreshments

Tickets \$15



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